

## HERE'S A LITTLE



## Pointer for You

I shall in this column endeavor to answer all correspondence that may be sent and urgently request young ladies to read this column, and any questions that they wished answered send them in before Saturday of each week.

By Miss MAY CLEMATIS.

Elsie. Look well always, but don't be extravagant.

E. M. Dress and society often destroy the reputation of girls.

E. T. Discontentment often leads to distraction. While you are doing well be satisfied.

Miss N. Don't have more admiration for other people's homes than you do for your own.

A. M. A good mother should always be respected. She will stand by you when all others desert you.

B. M. Keep your promises always and never make one unless you keep it. Be careful before you make one.

T. T. Treat those well who are good and kind to you. Be careful of your associates. Be positive always.

I. T. Read more good books and cultivate your mind. Let your aspirations be for noble and honorable things.

Rachel. Don't put all you earn on your back. Paint and powder will destroy your looks. A false face will drive away those who may want to visit you.

Celia. You need never get off the car when you go for a ride. Your actions may be misconstrued. This is an age of suspicion and misrepresentation.

Ivy. It is the noble and good girl that will do the honorable thing. There is a great change in the disposition of girls now a days.

Nettie. Don't be won by flattery. The evil minded man will practice such. A weak minded girl will be won by deceptive practices.

Nettie. Nothing is more noble in a girl than good manners. It is not necessary to be too gay to be admired. Sedateness will carry you farther than anything else.

I. M. A good girl demands respect. Don't talk about a girl because others do. You should know for yourself. If you can't speak kindly of one it is better to say nothing.

Miss R. I. Flashy dresses make a bad impression on the mind of those who pretend to admire you. The best dressed lady is the most simple dressed one. Patent leather shoes are injurious to one's feet.

I. O. It is a dangerous thing to give up a good salary unless you are certain that you will better your condition. The household is full of young girls lamenting over the blunders of marriage life. There are exceptions to this rule you know.

B. M. A man who fails to lift his hat to you, doesn't respect you. Say nothing but wait until you meet him again. Turn your head the moment he catches your eyes. Give him an opportunity to catch your eyes and let your actions indicate your contempt for him.

Ida. Don't be conceited neither ought you imagine that you are admired for your looks. Girls are often infatuated with themselves but disgusting to others. It is better to have the respect and admiration of one true gentleman than to be carried away by the momentary admiration of deceivers.

Lillie. True friendship can only be found in those who have been tried under all circumstances. True friends do all in their power to please and satisfy one another. A true friend will defend you in your absence and will believe nothing that is said against you. A true friend will never disobey you nor will he disregard your advice. True friends live to please and not to dispense.

Norah. A gentleman will not come to the conclusion that all girls like wines. It is always best not to accept the wine hospitality of young men if you want to retain their respect. Young men's respect for girls that drink wines is only momentary. She likes her wines remarks the young man, and is lively company. To prevent rudeness on their part is not to indulge to any degree.

E. A. You are the personification of sedateness and refinement. Your accomplishments are seldom found at your age. You have a manner that will necessarily carry you through this world. Be careful and pursue the course that you have been following and in the end you will realize beneficial results. Let your ambition be true womanhood. You deserve credit for what you have done which must be admired by all who know you. Cultivate patience and there is no doubt that you will realize your expectations.

In telling about "Some People I have Married," in the Ladies' Home Journal for June, the Rev. D. M. Steele says: "Being an Episcopalian I always use the formal printed service of the Prayer-Book. In this the greatest stickler is 'obey.' One day a couple came to me, bringing as witnesses the parents of both bride and groom. Everything proceeded smoothly to the point of 'obey, honor and obey,' when the bride refused to say the last. I repeated it and waited. Again she refused, and shut up my book. Then there was a scene. They talked it over, and the more seriously they argued and discussed the more stubbornly she refused. The parents became angry, the groom excited, and the bride hysterical. To humor her

he joined in the request to have me leave it out. But I liked the fellow and decided that a little sternness from me in the present might be a favor to him in the future. So I told them I had no authority to change it and would not do so. I tried to show the foolishness of her objection, but it was no use. Finally, I said to him: 'Well, this household must have a head somewhere. I will leave it out for her if you will say it.' Then it was his time to refuse, which he did. He gathered up his hat and started for the door when, presto change! she sprang after him, led him back by the hand, looked meekly up at him and said it."

## PUT UP GOOD FIGHT.

Sturgeon, Caught in a Net, Pulls One of His Captors Overboard Before Giving Up.

When the sturgeon fishing season opened John A. Denn was one of the first men to come to Bayside, N. J., from his home in Penns Grove and join in the fishing colony. Denn is one of the best known men in the county, and at the last session of the legislature he was doorkeeper in the senate. The fishermen have had very poor luck this season and many of them have given up in disgust and returned to their homes. Denn and his partner, however, decided to stick it out and trust to luck to make them whole.

They were out in the bay trying once more to land something of value



THE PULL WAS TOO MUCH.

the other day. Their net had been out for hours, and they were about to pull ashore in despair when they saw the big floats suddenly swish around under the impetus of a heavy body. They knew at once that they had made a strike, and no small one at that, and they began to pull in with renewed hope and energy.

Denn was at the front hauling on the net and trying to suppress his excitement while he toiled on the lines and whistled for luck. He was gradually drawing the big fish to the boat when it gave an extra heavy lunge and started off to reach deep water and liberty again. The pull was too much for Denn. He tugged with all his might, but the fish tugged hardest, and over into the river went fisherman, net and all.

Leaving the boat to care for itself, Denn's hardy partner sprang nimbly to the rescue, and after a deal of effort finally succeeded in getting a hook fast in the net and a line out to Denn. The two men then worked together and landed the biggest sturgeon of the season. It weighed 300 pounds, and besides the flesh yielded a full keg of caviar, worth \$70 a keg.

## COMMANDER IN INDIA.

Gen. Sir Arthur Power Palmer Appointed to the Post with the Approval of King Edward.

Maj. Gen. Sir Arthur Power Palmer, who by King Edward's approval has become permanent commander in chief of the British forces in India, has been for a long time commander



GEN. SIR ARTHUR PALMER. (Commander in Chief of the British Army in India.)

of the Punjab frontier force and provisional head of the imperial service. He is an old-time Indian campaigner, thoroughly seasoned to the climate and the work. In the great mutiny of 1857, the year in which he entered the army, Gen. Palmer raised a regiment of Sikhs, which he commanded till the close of the campaign. In 1863 he fought in the bloody business upon the northwest frontier, and afterward in the Abyssinian war, in the Duffa expedition, in the Afghan war, in the Sudan, and as head of the campaign in the Chin hills. It is said he understands Indian military needs more than any other man in the empire.

## Cork Put Her Eye Out.

A careless waiter, while opening a bottle of cider in a Paris restaurant, so held the bottle that the cork struck Mlle. Andree in the eye, causing the loss of sight in that organ. She sued, and the restaurant proprietor was fined 5,000 francs.

## TOLD BY A PREACHER

A Dog Story Which Is Both Amusing and Instructive.

Coming from a Good Man of Revered Memory, It Requires No Voucher—Otherwise It Would Need Several Affidavits.

According to the Nashville Banner, State Senator John Thompson is about one of the best story tellers in those parts, and his repertoire includes a lot of good ones, fish and otherwise. On the truthfulness of some he will stake his reputation for veracity, but he tells one which he always prefixes with the statement that it was told him by a minister of the Gospel, Dr. Bardwell, remembered by the older inhabitants as the assistant of Dr. Edgar, of revered memory, who was pastor of the First Presbyterian church during the latter years of Gen. Andrew Jackson's life, and attended the old hero in his last illness. Senator Thompson said: "Dr. Bardwell used to visit my father's house when I was a boy and the story I am about to tell you was related to me on the occasion of one of these visits.

"Speaking of dog," said Dr. Bardwell, "reminds me of a dog which belonged to a friend of mine in Mississippi. I had been invited to hold services at a church near this friend's house and wrote him to meet me at the station, some six miles from his house, on the Saturday afternoon before Sunday, the day of the appointment.

"He was on time with horses and we started to his home. I noticed that a very handsome bird dog followed us, and, having heard that some one in that neighborhood owned an especially well-trained trick dog I asked my friend about it. "That's the dog," at the same time pointing at his dog which had run ahead of us and was waiting at the forks of the road.

"I asked him to make him perform a trick. He got down from his horse, called the dog, and taking out his



DRAGGED A PAIR OF PANTALOONS.

pocketbook held it to the dog's nose. He then took out a silver half-dollar and walking some distance into the woods raised up a large rock and put the money under it. We then resumed our journey, and, when probably half a mile away, my friend called his dog and told him to go back and get the money.

"The dog, without the least hesitation, started back on a run, and my friend explained as the rock was heavy the dog would be unable to turn it over, so would have to scratch under it to reach the piece of money and he would not probably get home before we reached there, it then being about three miles further on to his house.

"However, when we reached home the dog was not there. "The next morning we got up about daylight, and hearing a noise outside, my friend opened the door and the dog rushed in dragging with him a pair of pantaloons which he dropped on the floor.

"Of course we were both mystified, but had not long to wait an explanation, for shortly afterward a man who lived several miles from my friend's house rode up on a mule, and inquired if a dog with a pair of pantaloons in his mouth had come into the house. The dog at this moment came out on the porch, and the man said: 'Why, there's the dog now.'

"My friend told his caller that the dog had really brought a pair of pantaloons home with him, but he did not understand it himself.

"The man said that late in the afternoon the day before he found the dog scratching under a large rock near the road and, thinking he was after a rabbit, stopped and lifted the rock up, and to his surprise found a half-dollar on the under side.

"He put the money in his pocket, and the dog followed him home. The dog appeared to be friendly and the man petted him and gave him his supper. At night when the family retired the dog was put on the outside, but he kept up such a racket that no one could sleep on the place, and when the man opened the door to drive the dog off he rushed into his bedroom and at once became very quiet, lying down near the foot of the bed, where he slept all night.

"Early in the morning, the man said, he got up and opened the window, and the instant he did so the dog seized his pantaloons in his mouth and, jumping out of the window, fled.

"The man followed as soon as he could get his mule. "Hearing this story my friend got the pantaloons, and on searching the pockets found the half-dollar which he had hid under the rock the afternoon before."

## THE KANGAROO COURT.

Self-Constituted Tribunal That Sentences All Sorts of Office-Holders to Be Spanked.

Thomas Cruse is the chief justice of a court, the existence of which is not recognized by the federal constitution or the constitution of the state in which it deals out justice, but, says, the Chicago Tribune, he is more powerful than most of the county judges of Missouri. His court takes judicial notice of nothing and takes actual notice only of officeholders, and this only for the purpose of inflicting corporal punishment upon them. Cruse is janitor of the county courthouse of Chariton county. The



KANGAROO COURT IN SESSION.

county seat is in a little town named Keytesville, and Cruse's operations are confined to the courthouse.

He is the head of the "kangaroo court." This institution is composed of himself and two of his helpers, and Deputy County Clerk Charles Parker. Its purpose in life is to inflict personal chastisement upon every officeholder in the county. The janitor holds his job because he is a veteran of the civil war, in which he served in the confederate army. For this he has the position of janitor as long as he lives.

He instituted the "kangaroo court" himself. Whenever a new officeholder, no matter how high his position, goes into office the "kangaroo court" summons him to appear before it. If he comes willingly he is gently paddled with barrel staves. If he resists a detail is sent for him and he is compelled to come in. Then the entire court sits upon him and punishes him for his contempt. Every one of the officeholders in the county has been so punished. Among them have been Judges Welch, Hamilton and Fleetwood, of the county court.

Cruse boasts that no man has had enough dignity to save him from punishment by the court. In severe cases of contempt he administers the punishment himself. Its object is to make the officeholder treat his subordinates well and so far it has been successful. So far as is known it is the only court in the country with authority to handle state judges without gloves.

## AN EXPENSIVE KISS.

Portrait Canvasser Is Fined Fifty Dollars for Giving Undesirable Premium with His Wares.

It cost George McCarthy, of Vineland, N. J., a crayon portrait canvasser, just \$50 to kiss pretty Mrs. Andrew J. Stinemyer, of Vineland, says the Chicago American. Justice of the Peace Jones had accepted cash bail of \$50 from him for his appearance before Justice Miller, but when



THREW HIS ARMS AROUND HER.

the time for the hearing arrived the accused had disappeared, and, despite a thorough search made for him by the police, he could not be found.

Upon Mrs. Stinemyer's refusal to purchase a crayon portrait McCarthy exclaimed: "If you don't give me an order for a picture I will kiss your pretty red lips."

According to the fair complainant's testimony before Justice Jones, when the warrant was issued, the bold canvasser deliberately threw his arms around her and planted a resounding smack on her reluctant lips. Mrs. Stinemyer indignantly ordered the audacious canvasser from the house.

Before going, however, McCarthy ejaculated: "I've kissed you once, and I'm of a notion to kiss you again," but she succeeded in slamming the door in his face.

## The Typo Did the Rest.

A droll typographical blunder is thus pointed out by a Kansas paper: "In saying last week that 'if everybody will take an interest and help supply the needed material, our new cemetery will prove a success' we were the victim of a typographical error. We wrote 'creamery,' and not 'cemetery,' and the hellish typo did the rest."

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## JOHN BROWN'S HOUSE.

State of Connecticut Thinks of Preserving and Converting It into a Historical Landmark.

An effort is now being made to preserve the birthplace of John Brown and properly mark the spot where, as a barefoot boy, he learned the trade of his father, a tanner. During this session of the Connecticut general assembly it will be attempted to have a sufficient amount of money appropriated to purchase the John Brown place and convert it into a historical landmark. Dwight C. Kilbourne, of Litchfield, and other members of the Litchfield County Historical society are working to this end.

The place of John Brown's birth is within half a mile of the highest point



JOHN BROWN'S HOUSE. (Located Five Miles West of the Town of Torrington, Conn.)

of ground in Connecticut, about five miles west of the busy town of Torrington. The old house is situated on a high bluff, with no other house within a mile of it. The house is built, as most of the houses were at that time—1787—with a great stone chimney in the center of the building, which has its foundation in the cellar. The timbers used in the foundation, on which the big stones are laid, are of oak 22 by 14 inches square, and hewn out by hand.

It was in the western front room that John Brown first saw the light of day. There are two windows in the room, one looking to the south and the other to the west. The first thing that impresses one on entering the room is the fireplace, before which John Brown as a boy sat and listened to the black logs crackling in the blaze as the winter winds howled through the sturdy oaks and stalwart chestnut trees in the woods which surrounded two sides of the house. The fireplace is quite broken down, owing to the visits of relic hunters, who have taken away stones and bricks for souvenirs.

There are four rooms downstairs and three above. The great kitchen has the big fireplace and old-fashioned oven that most of the houses of that day had. A grown-up man can stand in the kitchen fireplace and look up the chimney and see the clouds soar above in the blue sky. The old crane which once swung in the fireplace is gone. A Torrington gentleman who was building a fine modern house took that from its moorings, and it now ornaments the fireplace in his new house. Three years ago the house was shingled, and the old shingles were carefully gathered up by relic hunters and taken away. The present owner is William M. Cook, and he enters enthusiastically into the plan to place the old landmark under the care of the state.



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